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A. Statement of Planning Objectives

The Forest Service seeks to re-route approximately 615 feet of the Las Chiches trail in the Pozo/ La Panza OHV area and will and create approximately 1630 feet of new trail. The Las Chiches OHV trail is located on private land and then crosses on to forest land. This project will require the expertise of an archeologist, biologist, botanist, tribal, and soils specialists to compile reports and analyze the prospected route that will take place.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The Las Chiches Reroute will enhance OHV opportunities by rerouting an existing OHV trail to eliminate user conflicts between OHV users and private owners. The proposed reroute will add additional feet to the 6.5 mile trail. Diverting this trail onto Forest Service land will sustain the OHV recreation as we will be able to better maintain the trail.

C. Statement of Activities

The Las Chiches reroute analysis will be accomplished by agency specialists, including a tribal consultant, archeologist, biologist, botanist, and soils specialists. The public will be able to review the proposed action of the project. Once the specialist's analysis is completed, reports of all findings will be documented then reviewed by the public for further input.

D. List of Reports

A NEPA document will be completed once the specialist's analysis and reports have been completed.

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1. Timeline for Completion

Attachments:

[Las Chiches Reroute Map](#)
[Las Chiches Reroute Timeline](#)

2. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

3. Optional Project-specific Maps

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
Agency: USFS - Los Padres National Forest
Application: Planning - Santa Lucia Las Chiches Reroute NEPA

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APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Los Padres National Forest		
PROJECT TITLE :	Planning - Santa Lucia Las Chiches Reroute NEPA	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	The Forest Service seeks to re-route approximately 615 feet of the Las Chiches trail in the Pozo/ La Panza OHV area and will and create approximately 1630 feet of new trail. The Las Chiches OHV trail is located on private land and then crosses on to forest land. This project will require the expertise of an archeologist, biologist, botanist, tribal, and soils specialists to compile reports and analyze the prospected route that will take place.		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Other-OHV Manager	10.000	250.000	DAY	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
	Other-Tribal	3.000	298.000	DAY	894.00	0.00	894.00
	Other-Archeologist	5.000	346.000	DAY	1,730.00	0.00	1,730.00
	Other-Soils	5.000	375.000	DAY	1,875.00	0.00	1,875.00
	Other-Biologist	5.000	307.000	DAY	1,535.00	0.00	1,535.00
	Other-Botanist	5.000	448.000	DAY	2,240.00	0.00	2,240.00
	Other-District Ranger	3.000	442.000	DAY	0.00	1,326.00	1,326.00
	Total for Staff				10,774.00	1,326.00	12,100.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Other-Vehicle Mileage	4200.000	0.480	YR	0.00	2,016.00	2,016.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-Administrative Cost	1.000	861.000	YR	0.00	861.00	861.00
Total Program Expenses					10,774.00	4,203.00	14,977.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					10,774.00	4,203.00	14,977.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					10,774.00	4,203.00	14,977.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	10,774.00	1,326.00	12,100.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	2,016.00	2,016.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	861.00	861.00	
Total Program Expenses		10,774.00	4,203.00	14,977.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		10,774.00	4,203.00	14,977.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

This planning grant will not cause any physical impacts on the environment and is not a 'Project' under CEQA because the project requests funding to prepare biological evaluations, archeological reconnaissance reports, environmental analysis, and documentation of findings for a potential development project. The proposed activities will not result in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Additionally, in accordance with Forest Service NEPA Handbook 1909.15, Chapter 30, Section 31.11.3, the activities proposed on this project are categorically excluded from documentation.

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points) ☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)
☒ 26% - 50% (3 points) ☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Planning Project - Q 2.

A Planning Project - Page 1

2. The Planning Project would address the following 4

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on soil conditions
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses
☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands.
☒ Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents
☐ Toxic or hazardous materials within a Project Area or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation
☒ Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trails closures, appropriate uses, etc.

B. Planning Project - Page 2

Explain each statement that was checked

The Santa Lucia Ranger District will conduct appropriate analysis, documentation, and reporting to determine the potential effects on special species, cultural, biological, soil, and water resources of rerouting the Las Chiches OHV trail. The Las Chiches OHV trail begins on private land and crosses on to Forest Service land. The landowner has the right to fence off the portion of the trail that rests on his property at any time, which will cause issues to OHV users who ride this trail on a regular basis. There is the possibility of abundant OHV trespass occurring if the trail is fenced off, which would cause immense resource damage to the forest. The proposed reroute would provide an effective reroute trail system on forest land that would be accommodating to both the OHV users and landowner.

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 6 or more items checked (4 points) ☐ 4 to 5 items checked (3 points)
☐ 2 to 3 items checked (2 points) ☐ 1 or no items checked (No points)

3. Motorized Access - Q 3.

3. The Project would lead to improved facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 4

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Camping ☐ Birding
☐ Hiking ☒ Equestrian trails
☐ Fishing ☐ Rock Climbing
☒ Other (Specify) [Hunting, Mountain Bike Riders, Bouldering]

4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project proposal was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
☒ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The landowner has contacted the Forest Service numerous times regarding the process to possibly reroute the Las Chiches trail on to Forest Service land. The District has had conference calls with the landowner to discuss ways to solve OHV trespass on the Las Chiches trail onto private land. Quarterly OHV Leadership meetings have been held with OHV stakeholders to discuss this project and the importance of keeping this trail open while protecting nearby resources. The Forest Supervisor and the District Ranger will be meeting with the landowner to visit the site of the proposed reroute and discuss any concerns, issues, or ideas of the project.

5. Stakeholder Input - Q 5.

5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input: 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders

The planning of the Las Chiches trail will include specialist's reports and analysis which will be reviewed by local landowners. The proposed project and the scoping process regarding the specialist's findings will also be reviewed by OHV stakeholders and landowners. Since the Las Chiches trailhead is surrounded by private property along the Pozo Grade, the landowners will be heavily incorporated in the NEPA process as their land conflicts with forest recreation.

6. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.

6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 2

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 4 or more (4 points) ☒ 2 to 3 (2 points)
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

Central Coast Motorcycle Association and the Cal Poly Penguins.

7. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.

7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 10

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points)
☒ Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points)
☒ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)
☒ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)
☒ Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

The environmental review will take place this year once all reports and analysis for this project are completed. The OHV project supports users in adjacent communities of Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo, Santa Margarita, Atascadero, and Paso Robles, all of which use the Las Chiches trail system. The Forest Service will be able to implement this project the following year as all NEPA work will be completed. This project will support the development of a safe and legal OHV trail system on National Forest land with the support of OHV users and adjacent landowners.

8. Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.

8. Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

The Los Padres National Forest will apply for a State OHV Development grant the next grant cycle to implement the reroute. Volunteers will be used to assist with the decommissioning of the existing trail and creating parts of the proposed trail.

Reference Document

This project will be implemented based on available funding for next fiscal year which is unknown at this time. It would be pre-decisional for the Forest Service to provide any information regarding available funding for this project without knowing our final budget for the year. Reference document is not available.

9. Offsite Impacts - Q 9.

9. The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

OHV trespass on private property would cause an offsite impact since the beginning of this trail is not located on Forest Service land. The impact of this trail has been extensive as sound and resource damage has caused disturbance to the landowner's property. These issues will be addressed during the analysis and corrected with the reroute of the Las Chiches OHV trail.